Payment of bribe for education

692. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a recent survey conducted by the Transparency International India (TII) people paid bribe amount to Rs. 21,068 crores in the past year and bulk of which went to schools either for getting admission or certificates;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to check the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the news report giving the details mentioned in part (a) of the question.

(c) In so far as schools run by the Central Government are concerned such practices are prohibited. As far as schools affiliated to the CBSE & the State Boards of Secondary Education are concerned, it is for the respective State Governments to take appropriate steps.

Legislation for fee structure and admissions

693. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any uniform pattern exists at the national level for fee structure and admission to private self-financing educational institutions;

(b) whether any decision has been arrived at in this regard in the State Education Ministers' Conference, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Central legislation exists for regulating fee structure and admissions to private self financing institutions, if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government would consider to introduce any such legislation; and

(d) whether the Government of Kerala has requested to include the subject into the Ninth Schedule and if so, whether Government would consider to initiate any steps in this regard?